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FOURTH LEAD KENNEDY INVESTIGATION

BY PEGGY SIMPSON

DALLAS NOV.23 (AP)-DALLAS POLICE CHIEF JESSE CURRY SAID TONIGHT PHOTOGRAPHS FOUND IN THE HOME OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S RUSSIAN-BORN WIFE LINK HIM WITH THE RIFLE USED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

CURRY SAID THE PICTURES FOUND IN THE HOME IN SUBURBAN IRVING, TEX., WILL BE USED AS EVIDENCE IN OSWALD'S MURDER TRIAL.

HE HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH MURDERING THE PRESIDENT, KILLING A DALAS POLICEMAN AND NOW WITH ATTEMPTING TO KILL TEXAS GOV. JOHN CONNALLY.

THE LAST CHARGE, ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO MURDER CONNALLY, WAS FILED THIS AFTERNOON, THE CHIEF'SAID.

"WE HAD THIS CASE IN GOOD SHAPE THIS MORNING AND IT IS EVEN STRONGER TONIGHT, " CURRY SAID.

"WE ARE GOING TO WORK ON THIS UNTIL WE HAVE A PERFECT CASE," HOMECIDE CAPT. WILL FRITZ SAID.

CURRY SAID THE FEI HAS A LETTER, IN OSWALD'S HANDWRITING, ORDERING THE RIFLE FROM A MAIL ORDER HOUSE IN CHICAGO. OSWALD USED AN ALIAS AND A DALLAS POST OFFICE BOX NUMBER IN THE LETTER, HE SAID

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THE FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON CONFIRMED CURRY'S STATEMENT ABOUT THE LETTER BUT WOULD MAKE NO ELABORATION. THE RIFLE COST, ETC. EIGHTH GRAF PREV.

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XXX LETTER, HE SAID.

THE RIFLE COST \$12.78, CURRY SAID.

"THIS MAN KILLED THE PRESIDENT, " FRITZ SAID.

IN ALL PROBABILITY, CURRY ADDED, OSWALD WILL NOT BE QUESTIONED MUCH MORE TONIGHT. HE IS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE DALLAS COUNTY JAIL--HE'S NOW AT THE CITY JAIL--AT 10 A.M. TOMORROW.

OSWALD HAS REPEATEDLY DENIED ANY CONNECTION WITH KENNEDY'S DEATH. "WE HAVE BEEN IN THUS BUSINESS A LONG TIME," CURRY SAID. "AFTER YOU'VE TALKED TO A MAN YOU CAN USUALLY TELL WHETHER OR NOT HE WILL SIGN A STATEMENT. OSWALD HAS SHOWN NO INTENTION OF MAKING A STATEMENT."

DISTRICT ATTY. HENRY WADE IS CONFIDENT OF GETTING THE DEATH PENALTY FOR THE 24-YEAR-OLD OSWALD, A MAN POLICE SAY IS PROUD OF BEING A COMMUNIST.

CURRY SAID OSWALD WAS CONFRONTED WITH THE PICTURES AND WITH OTHER EVIDENCE BUT STILL PROTESTED HIS INNOCENCE. THE CHIEF DECLINED TO SAY WHAT THE OTHER EVIDENCE WAS OR DESCRIBE OSWALD'S REACTIONS WHEN HE SAW IT.

CURRY SAID BALLISTICS TESTS ON THE RIFLE HAVE BEEN "VERY ENCOURAGING."

WADE SAID OSWALD WILL BE TRIED FIRST--PEOBABLY IN MID-JANUARY--IN THE DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT. "IF WE GET THE DEATH PENALTY AS EXPECTED, THERE WILL BE NO NEED TO TRY HIM IN THE OTHER CASE," SAID WADE. HE HAS PROSECUTED 24 MURDER CASES IN HIS CAREER AND OBTAINED THE DEATH PENALTY 23 TIMES. HE GOT A LIFE VERDICT THE OTHER TIME.

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DALLAS--FIRST ADD THIRD LEAD KENNEDY INVESTIGATION (A153DN) XX BOUGHT IT.

CHIEF OF POLICE JESSE CURRY LATER ANNOUNCED' THAT THE FEI HAD A LETTER'IN OSWALD'S HANDWRITING ADDRESSED TO A CHICAGO MAIL ORDER FIRM SEEKING TO PURCHASE A RIFLE PRICED AT \$12.78.

HE SAID THE LETTER USED AN ALIAS AND A DALLAS POST OFFICE BOX

WADE SAID XX 3RD GRAF, SECOND LEAD, A70DN - CD74 OPCS NM A153DN

THIRD LEAD KENNEDY INVESTIGATION by Peggy Simpson

Dallas, Nov. 23 (AP) - Dallas police said tonight they have photographs that link accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald with the rifle used to kill President Kennedy.

Homicide Capt. Will Fritz, who earlier declared that Oswald "killed the President", would not elaborate on the photographs to say when or wehre they had been taken.

"We are going to work on this until we have a perfect case," Fritz said, adding that the investigation would continue tonight.

District Atty. Henry Wade said he is confident of getting the death penalty for Oswald, 24, a man police say is proud of being a Communist.

Oswald has denied he killed anyone.

He is also charged with the murder in the shooting of a Dallas policeman. Fritz said police also have photographs that place Oswald with the pistol used in the slaying of the policeman.

The veteran police officer said the rifle had definitely been purchased by mail order from Chicago, but he declined to say who had bought it.

Wade said x x x 3rd graf, second lead, A70DN

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Dallas - fixed add third lead Kennedy investigation (A153DN) x x bought it. Chief of Police Jesse Curry later announced that the FBI had a letter in Oswald's handwriting addressed to a Chicago mail order firm seeking to purchase a rifle priced at \$12.78.

He said the letter used an alias and a Dallas post office box number. Wade said x x 3rd graf, second lead, A70DN

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SECOND LEAD KENNEDY INVESTIGATION

## by Peggy Simpson

Dallas, Nov. 23 (AP) - District Atty. Henry Wade said today he is confident of getting the death penalty for Lee Harvey Oswald, charged with murder in the assassination of President Kennedy.

"This man killed the President," said Homicide Capt. Will Fritz positively. Oswald, 24, a man police say is proud of being a Communist, has denied he killed anyone. He is also charged with murder in the shooting of a Dallas policeman.

Wade said Oswald will be tried first - probably in mid-January - in the death of the President. "If we get the death penalty as expected, there will be no need to try him in the other case," said Wade. He has prosecuted 24 murder cases in his career and obtained the death penalty 23 times. He got a life verdict the other time.

Officers continued, etc., 3rd graf first lead (A65DN) JS258PCS NM

### A130DN

Dallas - first add second lead Kennedy investigation (A70DN) x x x time. Oswald will go to trial in State Court under the Texas penal code. Officers continued. etc., 3rd graf first lead (A65DN)

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FIRST LEAD KENNEDY INVESTIGATION (Peggy Simpson)

Dallas, Nov. 23 (AP) - "This man killed the President, Homicide Capt. Will Fritz said positively today. He meant Lee Harvey Oswald, 24, a man police say is openly proud of being a communist.

Oswald is charged with murder in the assassination yesterday of President Kennedy. He had denied killing anyone.

Officers continued questioning a sedond man described as a known subversive and friend of Oswald, who was discharged as undesirable by the Marine Corps Reserve. Mn But Fritz said "We are convinced beyond any doubt that Oswald is our man."

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DALLAS--FIRST LEAD KENNEDY INVESTIGATION (A65), SUB FOR SRD AND 4TH GRAFS, "OFFICERS XXX OUR MAN."

FRITZ SAID AN EMPLOYE OF THE SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY VOLUNTARILY CAME TO THE POLICE STATION THIS MORNING AND FOLLOWING A CONFERENCE WITH OFFICERS, LEFT. HE IDENTIFIED THE EMPLOYE AS JOSE RODRIGUEZ MOLINA. LATE TONIGHT, A POLICE CAPTAIN EMPHASIZED THERE WAS NO OTHER SUSPECT THAN OSWALD NOR WERE THERE WARRANTS OUT FOR ANYONE ELSE IN THE CASE.

WE ARE CONVINCED BEYOND ANY DOUBT THAT OSWALD IS OUR MAN, " FRITZ SALD.

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He added: "Without going into the evidence, I can tell you this - this case is a cinch. This man killed the President." He brushed aside all other questions.

President Kennedy, etc., third graf pvs (A49DN)

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A49DN (BJT) AMS BUDGET KENNEDY INVESTIGATION (700) BY PEGCY SIMPSON ASSOCIATED PRESS STAFE WRITER A49DN (BJT) thid off at 1:50 p.m. Dallar time Written Nov. 23 for morning papers of the 24th

DALLAS, NOV. 22 (MP)-A SECOND MAN WAS QUESTIONED TOBAY ABOUT THE ASSASSIN<del>ATION</del> OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. POLICE DESCRIPTION AS A KNOWN SUBVERSIVE BELIEVED TO BE A FRIEND OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AL-READY CHARGED WITH FURDER IN THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH.

OFFICERS SAID OSVALD, 24, DISCHARGED FROM THE MARINES AS UN-DESIRABLE IS PROUD OF BEING A COMMUNIST. HE HAS DENIED KILLING ANYONE

PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS KILLED FROM AMBUSH YESTERDAY BY A GUNMAN WHO SNAPPED OFF A RAPID VOLLEY OF SHOTS THAT ALSO WOUNDED GOV. JOHN CON-NALLY OF TEXAS.

MEANWHILE, THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON THAT OSWALD ONCE WROTE TO CONNALLY FROM RUSSIA, PLEADING THAT HIS UNDE-SIREABLE DISCHARGE BE REVERSED.

Sub

Dallas - second lead Kennedy investigation (A70-64-49DN) sub for ninth graf "The exact x x x of the Navy."

The letter was dated Jan. 30, 1961, when Connally was serving as Kennedy's first Secretary of the Navy.

THE EXACT DATE OF THE LETTER WAS NOT KNOWN - BUT PRESUMABLY IT WAS WHILE CONNALLY WAS SERVING AS KENNEDY'S FIRST SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

THIS RAISED A NEW QUESTION--WHETHER THE REAL TARGET WAS KENNEDY OR CONNALLY. THE TWO WERE RIDING WITH THEIR WIVES IN THE PRESIDENTIAL CAR WHEN THREE SHOTS RIPPED FROM A HIGH-POWERED RIFLE ON THE SIXTH FLOOR (CQ) OF A BUILDING OVERLOOKING THE MOTOR CADE AS IT LEFT DOWNTOWN DALLAS.

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CHIEF OF POLICE JESSE CURRY SAID: "I THINK HIS ACTUAL TARGET WAS THE PRESIDENT. I SAY THIS BECAUSE HE HIT THE PRESIDENT TWICE FROM ABOUT A 75-YARD DISTANCE ON A SLANT, AND APPARENTLY HE WAS AN EXPERT MARKSMAN."

ONE SHOT HIT KENNEDY IN THE HEAD, ONE IN THE NECK. ANOTHER SLUG TORE THROUGH CONNALLY'S BACK, SMASHING RIBS. HE WAS REPORTED IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION TODAY.

OSWALD SHARPLY DENIED BOTH SHOOTINGS. "I DIDN'T KILL THE PRESIDENT. I DIDN'T KILL ANYBODY," HE TOLD REPORTERS.

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OSWALD WAS ARRESTED WITHIN AN HOUR AFTER THE PRESIDENT DIED. POLICE DRAGGED HIM SCREAMING AND STRUGGLING FROM A TINY MOVIE THEATER IN A SHOPPING DISTRICT WHERE THEY HAD GONE IN PURSUIT OF A MAN WHO HAD GUNNED DOWN A DALLAS POLICEMAN A FEW MINUTES EARLIER.

DISTRICT ATTY, HENRY WADE CHARGED OSWALD WITH MURDER IN THE DEATHS OF BOTH PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND POLICEMAN J. D. TIPPIT.

OSWALD RETURNED ABOUT A YEAR AGO FROM A THREE-YEAR STAY IN RUSSIA, WHERE HE MARRIED A RUSSIAN WOMAN.

FOUR YEARS AGO HE SWORE ALLEGIANCE TO THE SOVIET UNION AND TRIED TO. RENOUNCE HIS UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP. IT WAS SOME TIME IN THIS PERIOD THAT HE WROTE CONNALLY.

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THE STATE DEPARTMENT LATER HELD HE WAS STILL A CITIZEN AND COULD RETURN TO AMERICA. OSWALD SAYS HE IS NOW A MEMBER OF THE FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE.

CURRY SAID OSWALD "READILY ADMITTED HE IS A COMMUNIST" AND "APPAR-ENTLY IS PROUD OF IT."

HE SAID THE SECOND MAN QUESTIONED WORKED IN THE SAME PLACE AS OSWALD, THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY, A PRIVATE FIRM WHICH BUYS, STORES AND DISTRIBUTES TEXTBOOKS.

THE CHIEF SAID FBI AGENTS REPORTED AFTER OSWALD'S ARREST THAT THEY HAD INTERVIEWED HIM A WEEK OR SO AGO. BUT HE SAID HE HAD NOT CON-FIRMED THIS.

OFFICERS SAID OSWALD WAS DEFINITELY IN THE BOOK WAREHOUSE WHEN THE PRESIDENT WAS SHOT

THE ASSASSINATION WEAPON WAS FOUND, PARTLY HIDDEN BEHIND BOOKS AND AMID SCRAPS OF FRIED CHICKEN, ON THE SIXTH FLOOR. THE POLICE HOMICIDE EUREAN SAID IT WAS A 6.5 MM BOLT ACTION RIFLE, APPARENTLY OF ITALIAN MAKE.

CURRY TOLD AN ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTER HE BELIEVES OSWALD CARRIED THE RIFLE TO WORK WITH HIM YESTERDAY MORNING AND PASSED IT OFF AS WINDOW SHADES WRAPPED IN HEAVY BROWN PAPER TO THE MAN WHO GAVE HIM A RIDE DOWNTOWN. A5 2DN

THE FIRST SUSPICION OF THE SLIM, BLACK-HAIRED MAN WAS BY A POLICE-MAN WHO SAW OSWALD IN THE BUILDING LUNCHROOM. THE OFFICER PULLED A GUN ON OSWALD, BUT WHEN THE MANAGER SAID OSWALD WORKED THERE HE WAS ALLOVED TO GO.

A BUILDING PORTER SAID HE TOOK OSWALD TO THE SIXTH FLOOR IN AN ELEVATOR. WHEN HE GOT OUT, OSWALD ASKED THE PORTER TO SEND THE CAR BACK UP FOR HIM. THE PORTER WENT TO THE GROUND FLOOR TO WATCH THE HENNEDY MOTORCADE.

AFTER THAT, CURRY SAID, IT IS KNOWN THAT OSWALD DESCENDED AND LEFT THE BUILDING ON FOOT.

WITHIN MINUTES, POLICE BROADCAST A DESCRIPTION OF HIM. HE IS ABOUT 5 FEET, 9 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS ABOUT 160. HE HAS BLACK HAIR, SHARP FEATURES AND A MOUTH THAT PRESSES TIGHTLY TOGETHER WHEN HE IS ANGRY AND DEFIANT.

SOMEHOW--CURRY DOESN'T KNOW--OSWALD REACHED THE OAK CLIFF SECTION, ACROSS THE TRINITY RIVER FROM DOWNTOWN DALLAS. A73DN (sub graf & add)

Sub

Dallas -- Kennedy investigation (A49DN et seq) sub for 25th graf "Somehow --Curry x x x downtown Dallas."

Homicide Capt. Will Fritz said Oswald had told police he caught a bus when he left the Depository Building, decided the bus was too slow and switched to a taxicab. He went to his rooming house in Oak Cliff, changed clothing and decided to go to a movie.

The Chief, etc., 26th graf.

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THE CHIEF BELIEVES TIPPIT, THE SLAIN OFFICER, SPOTTED OSWALD FROM HIS BROADCAST DESCRIPTION AND STOPPED HIM FOR QUESTIONING. OSWALD FIRED A PISTOL AND THE OFFICER DROPPED DEAD. A CITIZEN, NAME UN-KNOWN, LATER CALLED FOR HELP ON THE POLICEMAN'S PROWL CAR RADIO. A5 3DN

THEN A SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER WAS REPORTED IN THE TEXAS THEATER. SIX OFFICERS ENTERED AND FOUND OSWALD IN A THIRD-ROW SEAT.

"THIS IS IT, " OSWALD SAID, SPRINGING FROM HIS SEAT. HE GRABBED HIS PISTOL BUT IT FAILED TO FIRE. .

THE OFFICERS DRAGGED OSWALD OUT IN HANDCUFFS.

CURRY SAID OSWALD DECLINED TO TAKE A LIE DETECTOR TEST. HE SAID PARAFFIN TESTS, MADE TO DETERMINE FROM POWDER RESIDUE WHETHER OSWALD HAD FIRED A GUN, WERE POSITIVE. THIS MEANT OSWALD HAD FIRED A WEAPON WITHIN A SHORT TIME BEFORE HE WAS ARRESTED. APPARENTLY IT COULD HAVE BEEN EITHER A RIFLE OR A PISTOL--OR BOTH. THEY WOULDN'T SAY. OSWALD WAS ORDERED HELD WITHOUT BOND BY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DAVID JOHNSTON.

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## A74DN

Dallas - first add Kennedy investigation (A49DN) x x x David Johnston. His mother, Mrs. Marguerita Oswald of Fort Worth, wife Marina Nicholaevna and daughters, June, about 4, and Rachel, 2 months, visited Oswald today. They did not answer questions of reporters as they left. JS308PCS NM Asked A142DN (CONNALLY, ADD INVESTIGATION.

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DALLAS--SECOND ADD KENNEDY INVESTIGATION (A49DN-A74DN) X X X I. LEFT.

H. LOUIS NICHOLS, PRESIDENT OF THE DALLAS BAR ASSOCIATION, WHO MET WITH OSWALD THIS AFTERNOON, SAID OSWALD TOLD HIM HE WOULD LIKE TO BE REPRESENTED BY JOHN ABT OF NEW YORK CITY. A WELL-KNOWN NEW YORK LAWYER NAMED JOHN ABT HAS DEFENDED MANY COMMUNISTS ON VARIOUS CHARGES.

IF HE COULD NOT GET ABT, NICHOLS SAID, OSWALD WOULD LIKE A LAWYER FROM THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, OF WHICH HE IS A MEMBER.

NICHOLS SAID HE WENT TO SEE OSWALD BECAUSE HE HAD HEARD THAT OS-WALD HAD BEEN UNABLE TO GET LEGAL COUNSEL.

DURING THE THREE-MINUTE CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH OSWALD, NICHOLS SAID HE DID NOT DISCUSS THE CASE WITH THE CHARGED MAN AND THAT OSWALD APPEARED CALM AND RATIONAL.

UNDER QUESTIONING BY NEWSMEN, NICHOLS SAID HE FELT THAT OSWALD WOULD BE ABLE TO GET A FAIR TRIAL IN DALLAS.

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IN KENT, ABT SALD, "IF I WERE ASKED, I WOULD IN ALL' PROBABILITY HAVE TO DECLINE--BECAUSE OF MY SCHEDULE--TO DEFEND OSWALD."

HE SAID IT WOULD NOT BE "FAIR TO MY OTHER CLIENTS" TO TAKE THE CASE.

ABT, SPENDING THE WEEKEND AT HIS SUMMER HOME IN CONNECTICUT, SAID OSWALD PROBABLY THOUGHT OF HIS NAME, BECAUSE "I HAVE A REPUTATION FOR REPRESENTING THE UNDERDOG, PARTICULARLY UNPOPULAR POLITICAL MINORITIES."

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